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HOUSE BILL DRH30272-MH-6 (11/18)

Short Title: Require Permit for Ginseng Harvesting. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ager and Fisher (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO FORBID THE HARVESTING OF WILD GINSENG WITHOUT A
3 HARVESTING PERMIT ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
4 AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 106-202.19(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
7 "(5a) To harvest ginseng from the wild outside of a harvesting season as provided
8 by the Board or without holding a currently valid State permit to collect wild
9 ginseng. The Board may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed twenty-five
10 dollars (\$25.00) annually for a permit under this subdivision. The Board may
11 enter into memoranda of understanding with law enforcement agencies,
12 including special peace officers of the Department of Natural and Cultural
13 Resources, the Wildlife Resources Commission, and the Department of
14 Environmental Quality, to provide for enforcement of this subdivision on
15 both public and private lands."
16 **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Plant Conservation Board shall issue rules to
17 implement this act. The Board shall include the following in its rules:
18 (1) A requirement that the ginseng collection permit include physical identifying
19 information on the permittee or equivalent information to enable law
20 enforcement to determine if the permit is being used by persons other than
21 the permittee.
22 (2) A program to allow ginseng dealers permitted under G.S. 106-202.19(6) to
23 sell ginseng harvest permits and receive a portion of the fee authorized by
24 this act for each permit sold.
25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The North Carolina Plant
26 Conservation Board shall propose rules to implement this act no later than April 1, 2018.

